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Re: CALFED Conjunctive Use Team

Dear David:

I am inviting you to participate in a series of meetings to help identify and address the various issues surrounding the implementation of conjunctive use projects in California. As a consultant to CALFED, I have been working to identify stakeholder concerns regarding conjunctive use and have used those concerns to develop preliminary principles for implementation of conjunctive use projects. CALFED is now moving into the next phase of the groundwater program which will include the identification of potential conjunctive use and groundwater banking projects that could be implemented to improve water supply reliability.

The purpose of the conjunctive use team will be to advise CALFED staff on the issues pertaining to implementation of conjunctive use projects. You have been invited to participate based on your experience and knowledge of conjunctive use, with the understanding that you will represent your constituency, region or agency on the relevant issues. My intent is to keep the team small and focused while encompassing the broad range of interests having a stake in conjunctive use projects. I have attached a list of invited team members for your reference.

The first team meeting is scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 1998 in Room 1142 of the Resources Building in Sacramento. The tentative agenda is to identify the most significant impediments to conjunctive use implementation and to develop a process to address those impediments, including expansion of the preliminary CALFED conjunctive use principles. It is important that all team members attend the first meeting. Subsequent meetings will focus on identifying potential pilot projects and ways to address the issues specific to those projects.

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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Conjunctive use has been shown to be an effective water management strategy and the concept appears to have broad conceptual support from virtually all CALFED stakeholders. The irony, of course, is that in spite of this support, new conjunctive use projects are becoming increasingly difficult to implement. My hope is that the CALFED conjunctive use team can recommend a strategy that will overcome the current obstacles so that conjunctive use projects can move forward while protecting stakeholder interests. I look forward to your participation in this process. Please call me if you have any questions at (916) 688-5807.

Sincerely,

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